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ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Defence Estates has allotted the land under its control to the private parties for commercial purposes;

(b) if so, the rules framed in this regard;

(c) whether some private parties have misused the land allotted to them; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to check such practices during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): No transfer/alienation of defence land to private parties for commercial purposes is permitted except with the prior approval of Cabinet. However, various Defence Estates authorities are permitted to allot land, under their respective management, to private parties on short term licence basis for purposes like public meetings organised by political parties, social/religious functions and other purposes.

Certain instances of misuse of defence land have come to notice. Appropriate action in such cases is taken as per the terms and conditions of the lease/licence.